

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005.

Summary of the Examiner's Objections/Rejections

Claims 3, 8 and 13 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. Claims 1, 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating on page 3, paragraph 8 that Claims 11-15 and 22-24 have been allowed. The Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating on page 3, paragraph 9 that the subject matter recited in Claims 2-5, 7-10, 16-18 and 19-21 is allowable.

Summary of the Applicant's Amendments

Claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended. Claims 4, 8 and 13 have been cancelled.

Objection to Claims 3, 8 and 13

By this Amendment, Claim 3 has been amended to more distinctly define and further clarify the subject matter introduced in the claims from which it depends. Claims 8 and 13 have been cancelled in this Amendment. Accordingly, reconsideration of the objection to Claims 3, 8 and 13 and the rejection of Claim 8 are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 6

By this Amendment, Claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention, and to clarify the typographical error present therein. Further, Claim 3 has been amended to correct the claim dependency present therein.

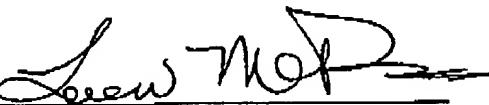
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-24 are now in proper condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments or credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 16-1520 for any payment in connection with this communication, including any fees for extension of time, which may be required. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such action might expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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